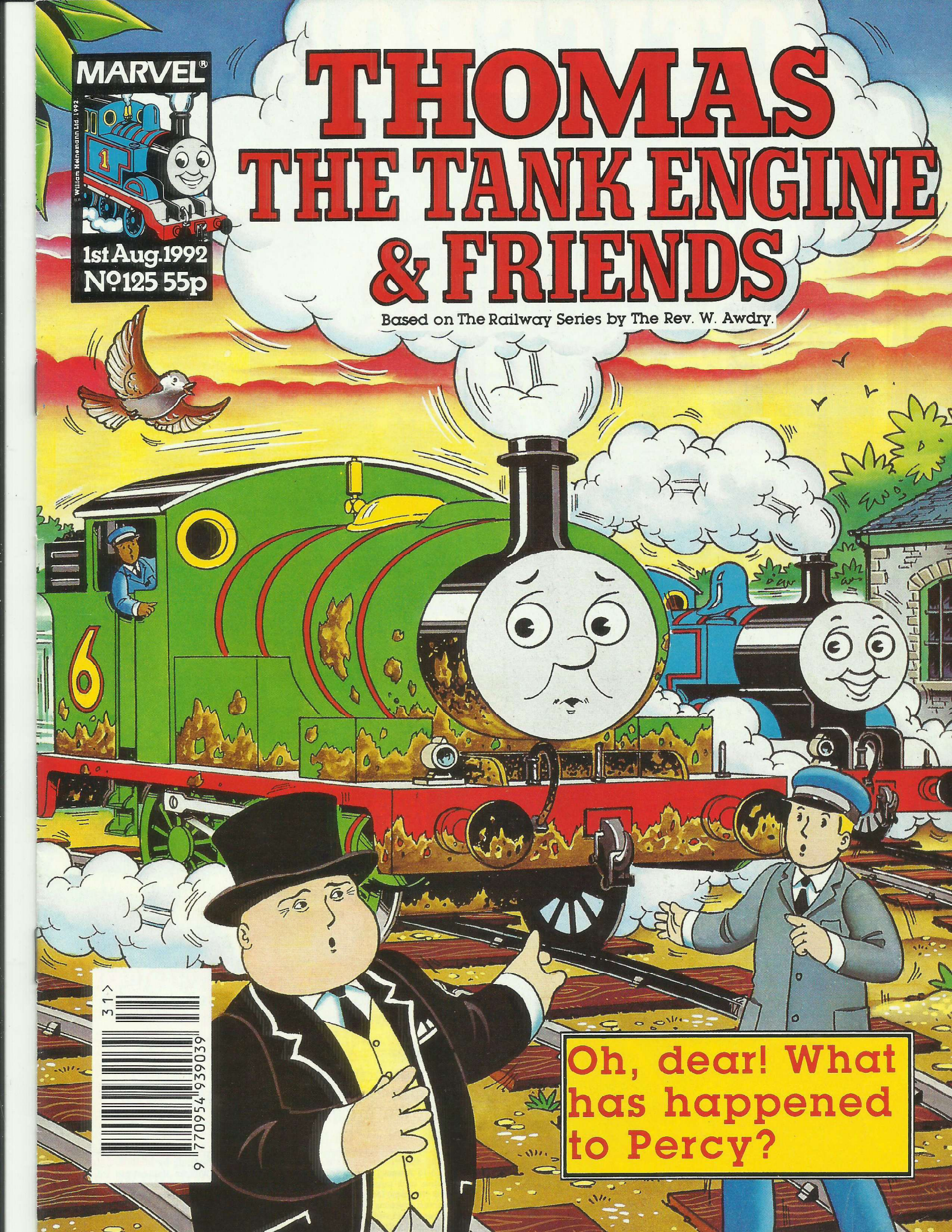
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Peep! Peep! The Fat Controller has special tasks for Thomas and Percy today, but oh dear! Can you guess who will cause the biggest mess? You can find out in the story that begins on page 3! Don't miss our second story either, when Daisy discovers that she may not be the 'Most Modern' engine after all! Peep! Peep!

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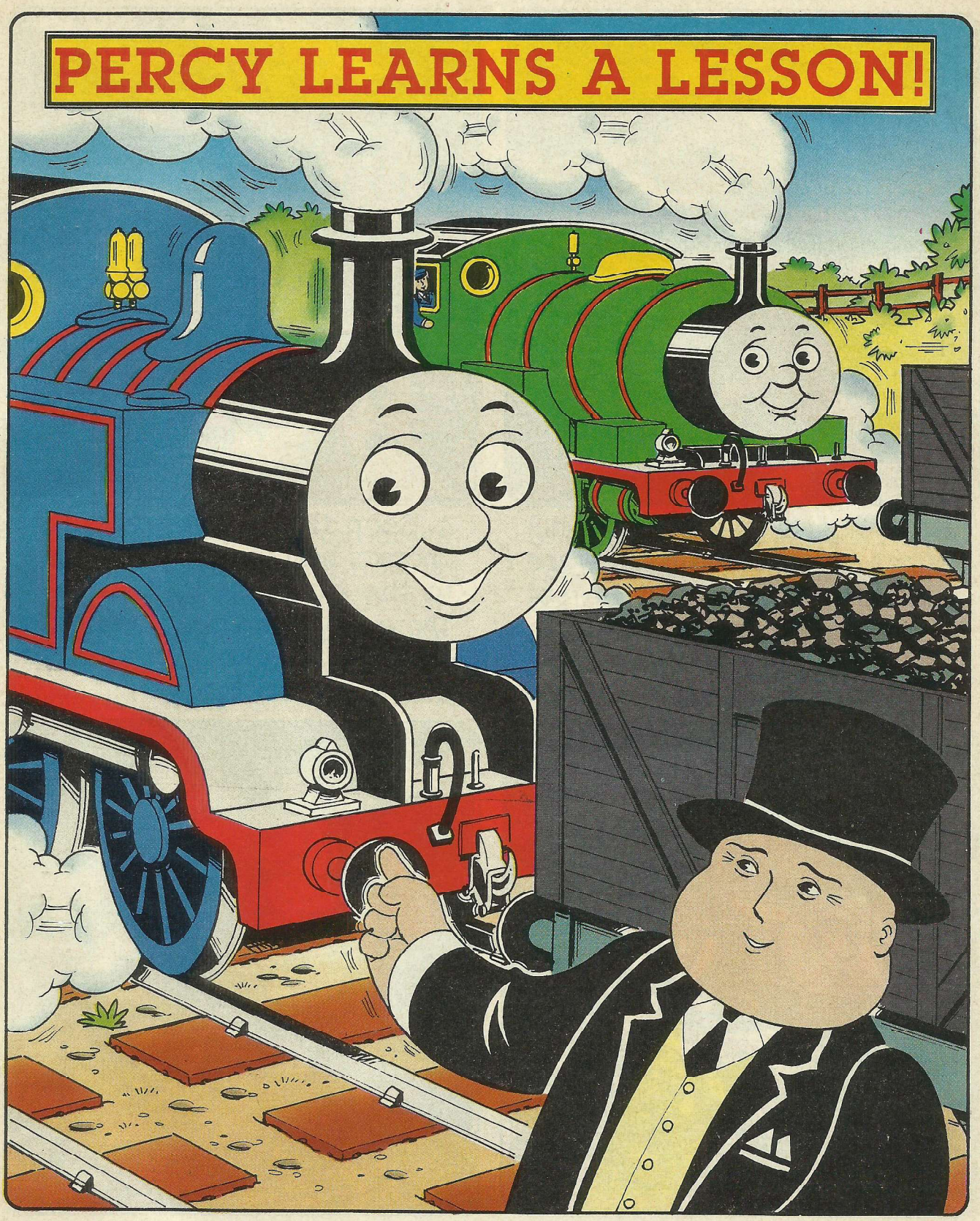
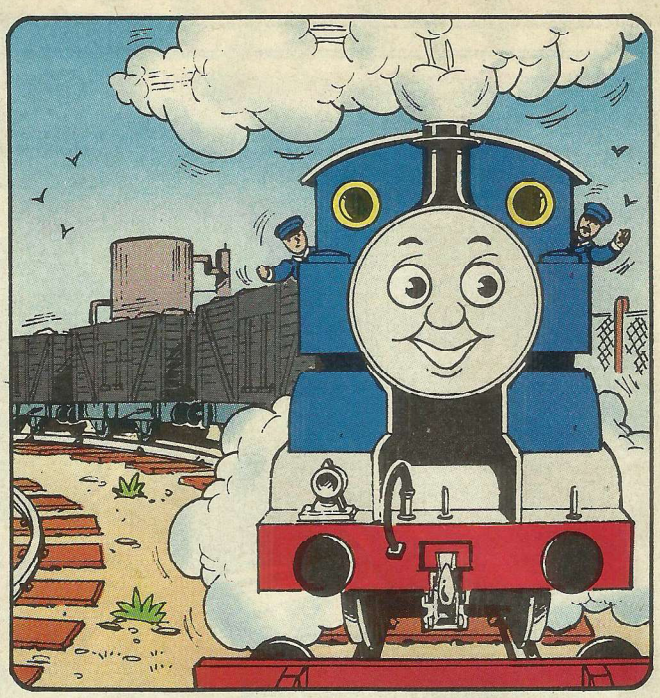


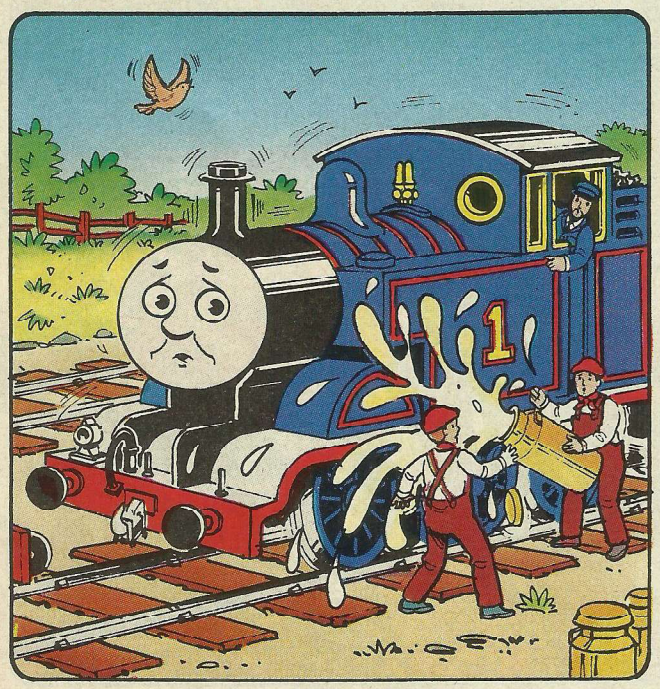
1. One bright, sunny morning Thomas and Percy got down to work bright and early shunting trucks in the yard. "It's such a lovely day," said Percy. "Do we have to work in the yard?"

2. "Perhaps not!" said Thomas. "I'm sure the countryside looks splendid!" The Fat Controller came to see Thomas. "You are to collect the milk from the hill farms," he said.

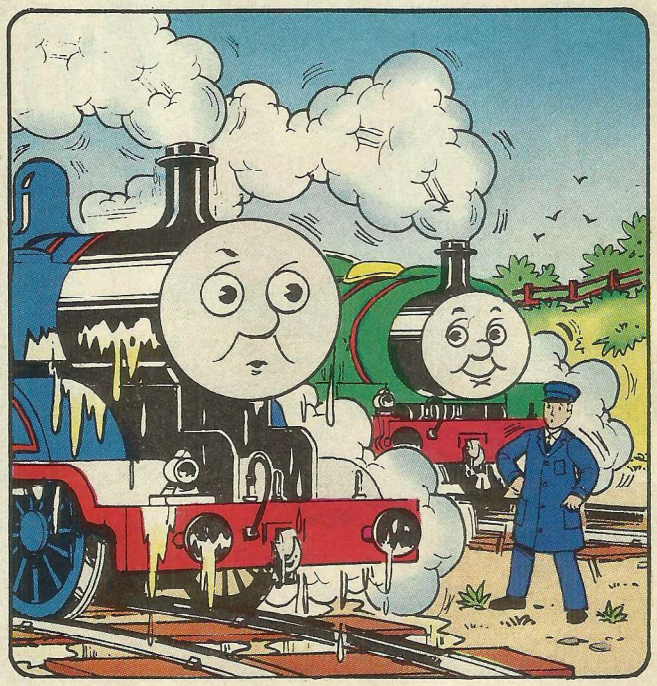
3. Thomas liked visiting the hill farms. Some trucks were coupled to him and he set off. Thomas stopped at each farm while the farmer loaded big churns of milk on his trucks.



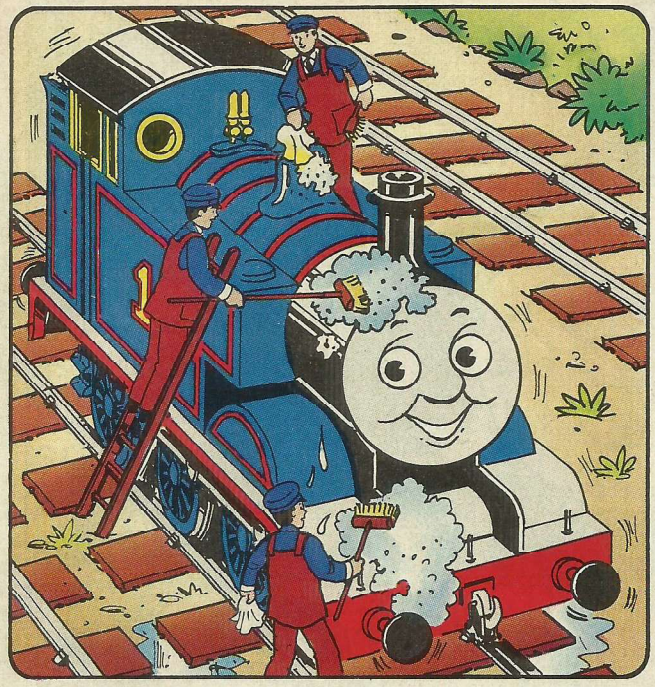
4. Soon the trucks were full. Thomas had to take the churns to the dairy at Wellsworth. There the milk would be put in bottles, for the milkman to deliver on his round.



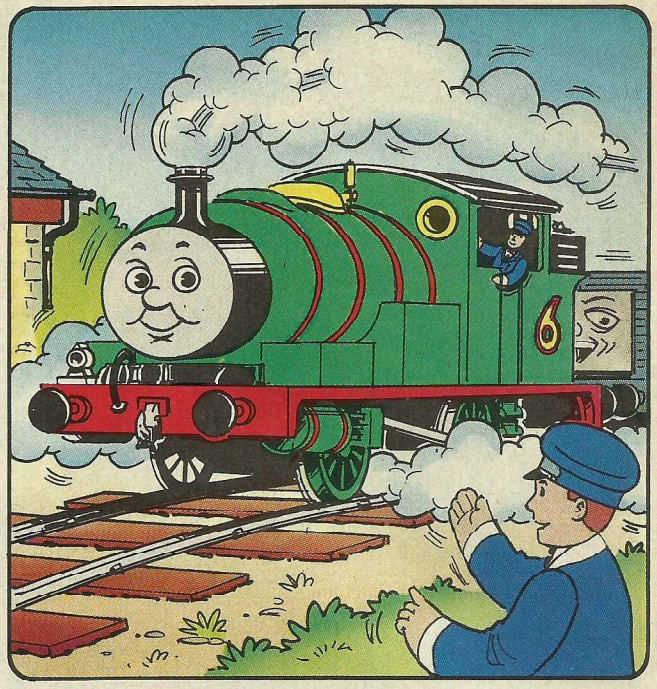
5. While the churns were being unloaded from Thomas's trucks, one churn was accidentally dropped. The lid fell off it and milk spilled out everywhere. It splashed all over Thomas!



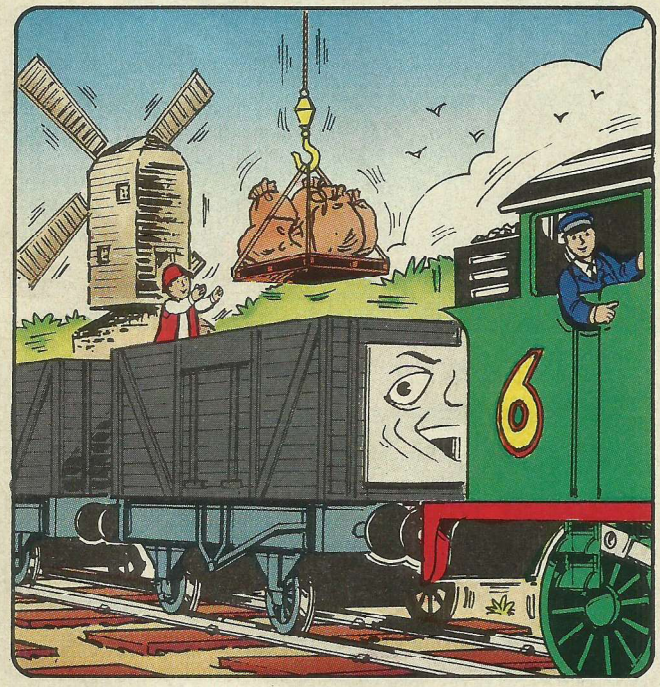
6. When Thomas returned to the Main Station, he was covered in milk! He told Percy what had happened. Percy laughed! "Bother!" huffed Thomas. "It's not funny, Percy!"



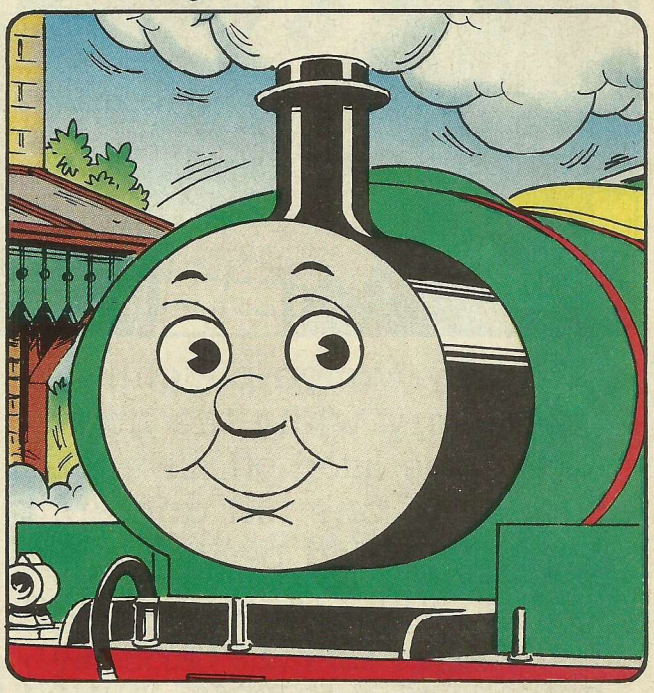
7. Thomas was washed down. Then he puffed back into the yard to help Percy shunt more trucks. "That wasn't funny, Percy. It isn't very pleasant to be covered in milk!" said Thomas.



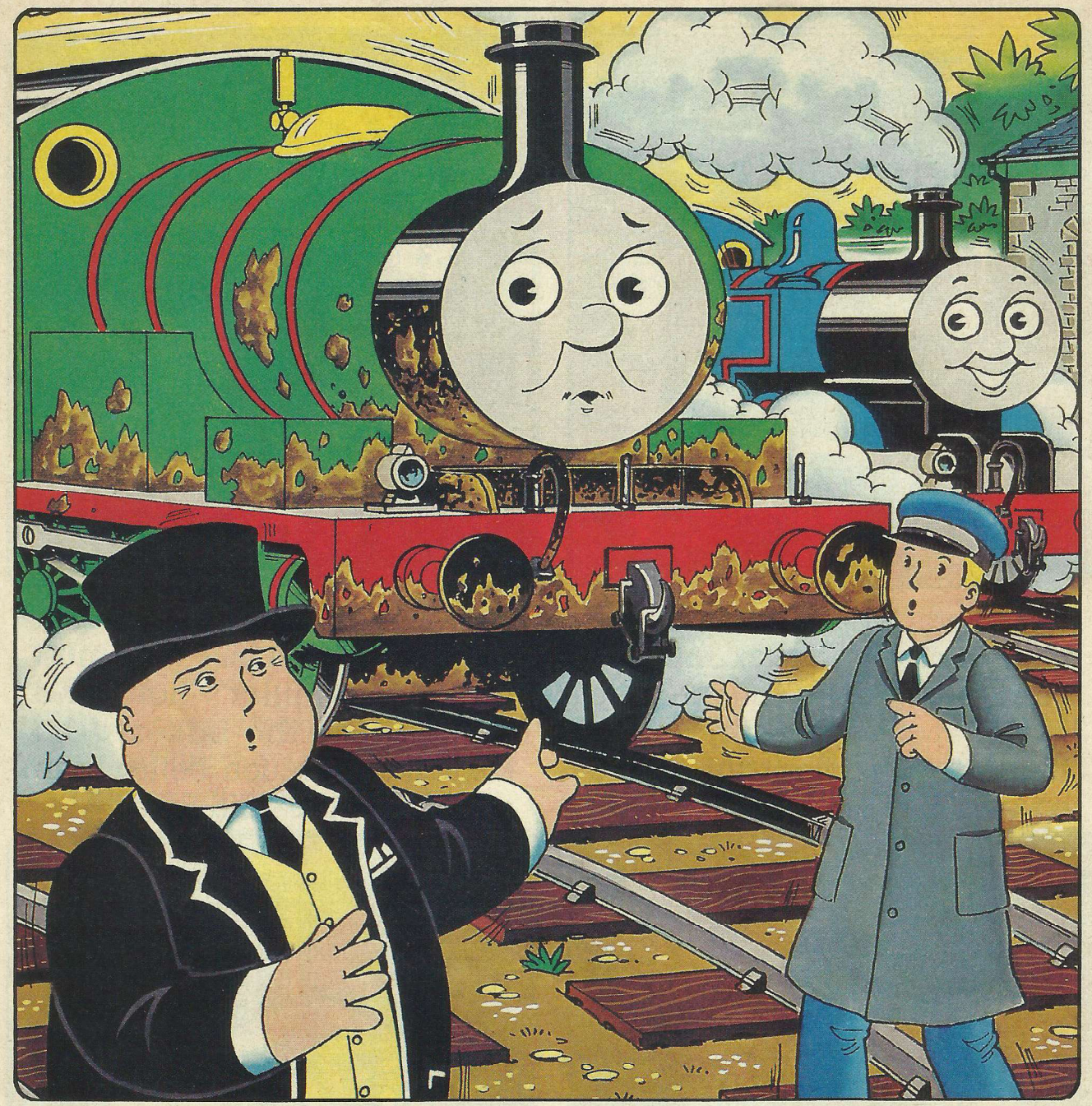
8. Later, the Stationmaster sent Percy to visit the mill. "You must collect the miller's flour and deliver it to the bakery!" he said. "This is much better than collecting milk!" said Percy.



9. He puffed cheerily out of the yard. When Percy arrived at the mill, the miller loaded sacks of newly-ground flour on to Percy's trucks. Then Percy set off for the bakery at Wellsworth.



10. "The flour will be used to bake delicious loaves and rolls!" Percy's driver told him. "Flour is just as important as the milk Thomas fetched!" thought Percy. "I am a Really Useful Engine!"



11. Percy waited patiently at the bakery while the heavy sacks were lifted off his trucks. Suddenly, one fell and split open. It landed beside Percy. Lots of flour spilled out and went all over Percy. "Oh, bother! What a mess!" huffed Percy. The flour settled on Percy's cab, wheels and even blocked his whistle. "Pi....ip!" he whistled weakly.

12. "We'll soon get you cleaned up!" said Percy's driver. What a sight Percy looked as he puffed into the Main Station. Thomas stopped shunting trucks to look at him! "Whatever happened to you?" he asked. When Thomas heard, he grinned cheekily. Percy was cross. Then he laughed, too. "Now I know how you felt when you were covered in milk, Thomas!

THE END!

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A Read Aloud story!

THE NEW ROOF

Whenever Thomas passes the Vicarage Orchard he likes to stop and speak to his friend, Trevor the Traction Engine.

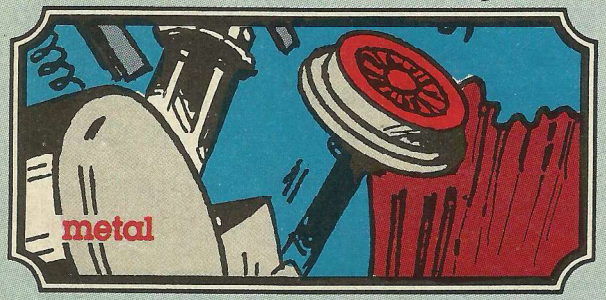
"Trevor likes to hear about what has been happening on the Fat Controller's Railway!" thought Thomas. "He spends so much time in his shed!"

But, one morning, Thomas saw Trevor standing in the orchard. His paintwork had been polished and he looked very smart indeed. A big sign was hanging from his funnel:

"One penny a ride!," it read.

"Hello, Trevor!" called Thomas. "You look very clean today! Is there a Vicarage Fête today?"

"The Vicar is raising money for a new church roof," explained Trevor. "I am helping him, by giving extra rides around the orchard." Trevor's driver, Jem Cole, had gone to put a notice on the orchard gate.



"I hadn't heard about the new roof!" exclaimed Thomas. "This time you have some news for me!"

"The Vicar has nearly raised enough money for the new roof," explained Trevor. Just then, Trevor's driver, Jem Cole, returned.

"The old roof is leaking. Some timbers are rotten. They must be replaced as soon as possible!" said Jem.

Jem had brought some children who had already heard about Trevor's rides around the orchard.

"Ah! Here come my first customers!" said Trevor.

"I wish I could help!" called Thomas, puffing on his way again. That afternoon, Thomas was shunting trucks in the Main Station yard. He saw some old wheels and rusting engine parts lying in a siding. There were buckled and broken rails stacked near the Works, too. Thomas had an idea. Later, he told the Fat Controller all about it.

"Well done, Thomas!" said the Fat Controller. He went to his desk to make a

telephone call to the vicar. That evening, he visited Thomas in the engine shed.

"It's all arranged," said the Fat Controller. "The scrapyard manager at Wellsworth will buy all the railway's old metal!" Next morning, Thomas was coupled to some trucks. They were loaded with the rusting rails, wheels and engine parts. The trucks were very full indeed. Thomas delivered them to the scrap yard. When the trucks had been unloaded, Thomas returned to the Main Station.

"Selling our scrap metal was a splendid idea, Thomas!" the Fat Controller told him. "The Main Station yard looks much tidier, too!"

The Fat Controller arranged for all the engines to be ready and waiting in the Main Station yard for the Vicar to arrive. When the Vicar arrived he was so pleased and surprised to see the Fat Controller and all his engines welcoming him to the station yard. The Fat Controller shook his hand and presented a cheque to him from the sale of the railway scrap.

"My word!" said the Vicar. Now I have enough money for the builders to begin the new church roof right away!"

"Thanks to you, Thomas!" said the Fat Controller. "You are a Really Useful Engine!"

"I did help, after all!" smiled Thomas, happily. "Wait till I tell Trevor the news!"

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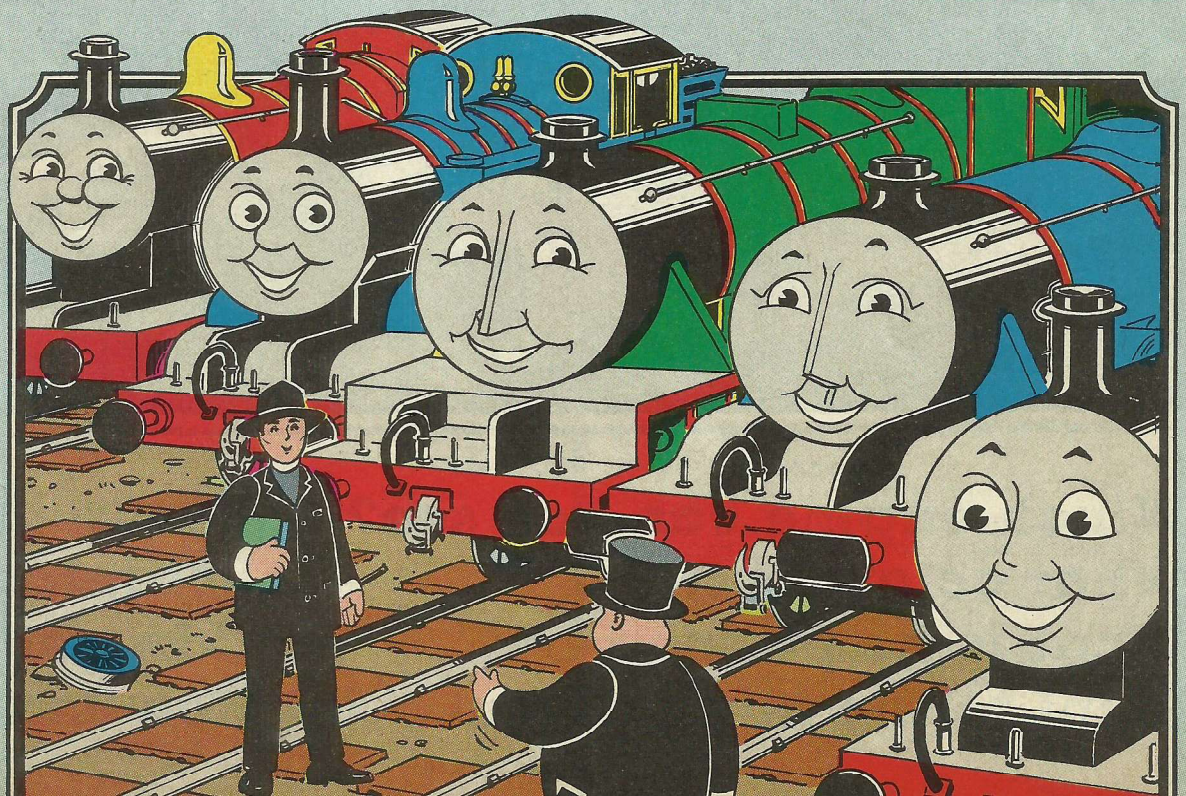

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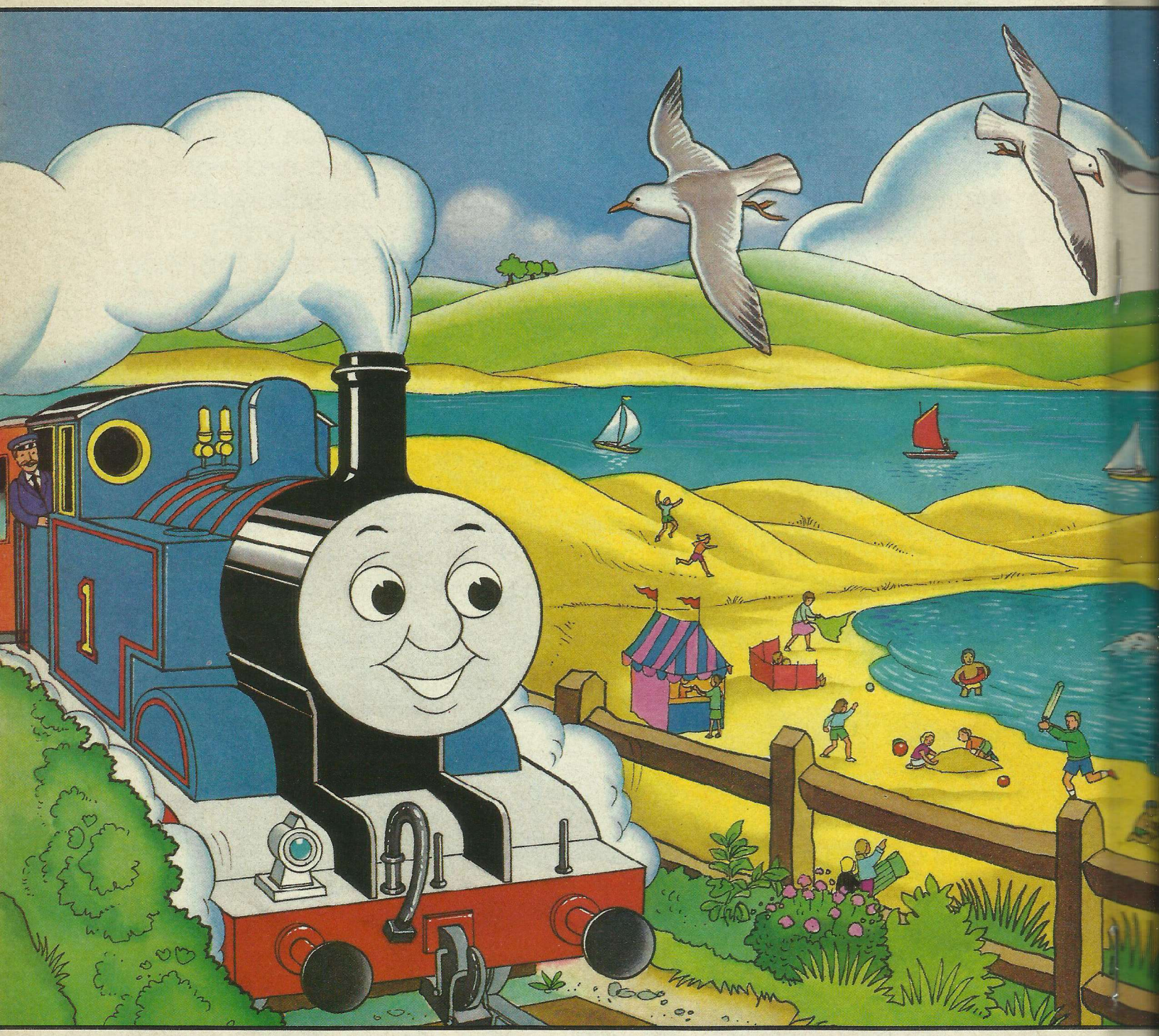

Which engine can you see?
What colour is he?
What is he passing by?
Point to the big balloon!

How many boats
Point to the big li
Can you see the
How many seagu

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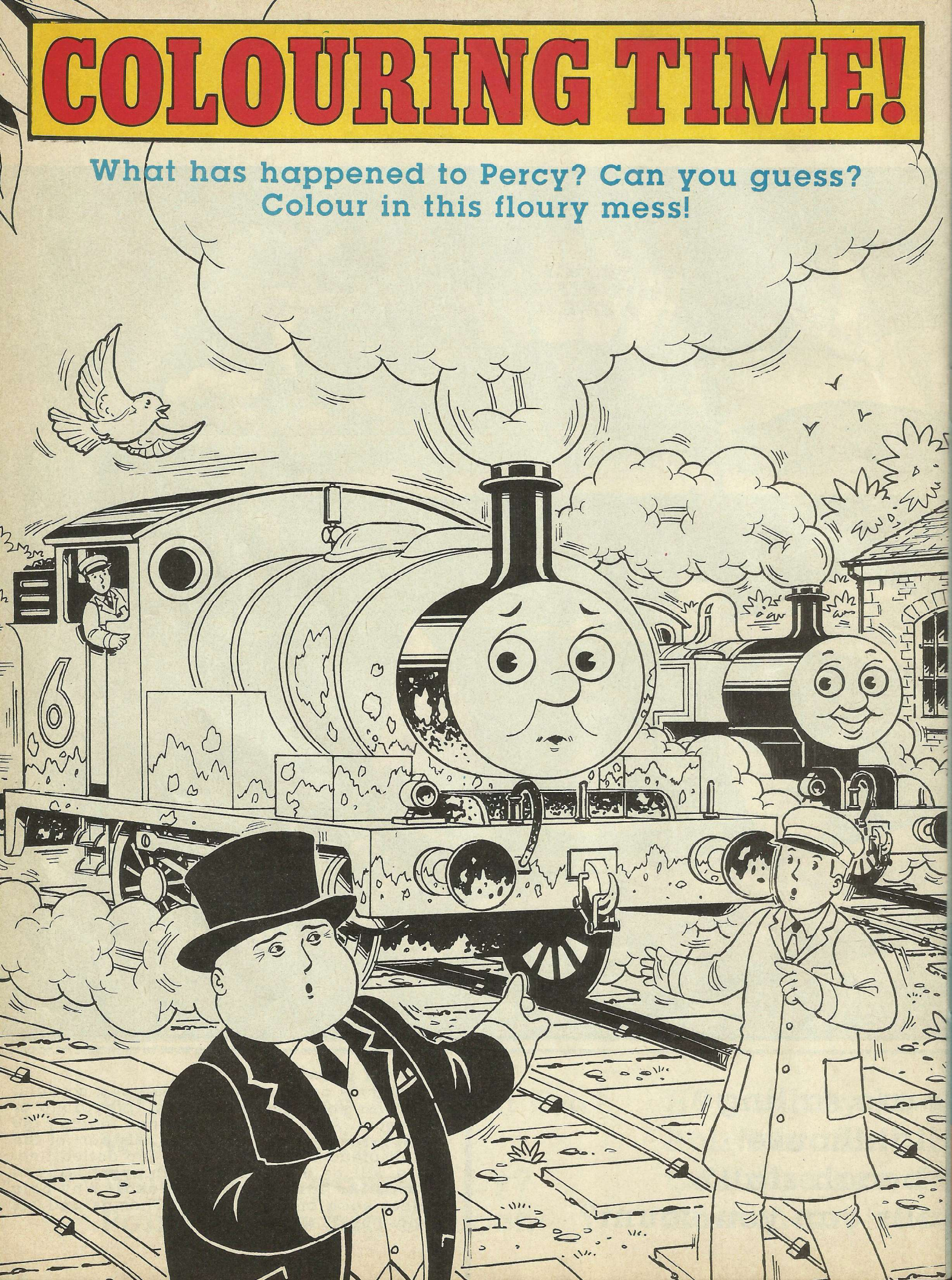
oats are sailing?
ig lighthouse!
the beach stall?
agulls can you count?

Note for parents
This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the comic with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There will be a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Why note collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

In our next issue: Harold to the rescue!

COLOURING TIME!

What has happened to Percy? Can you guess?
Colour in this floury mess!



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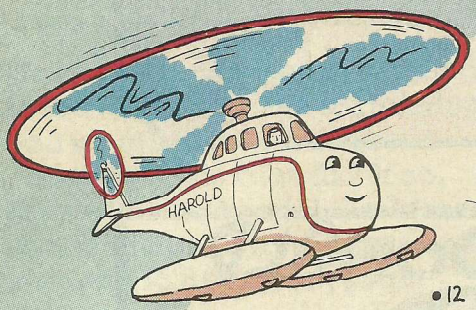
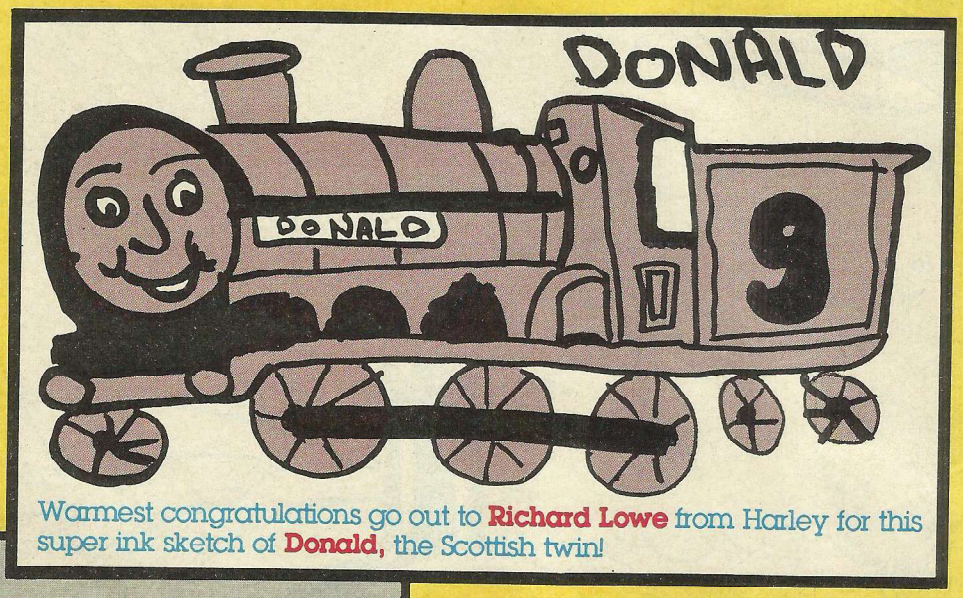


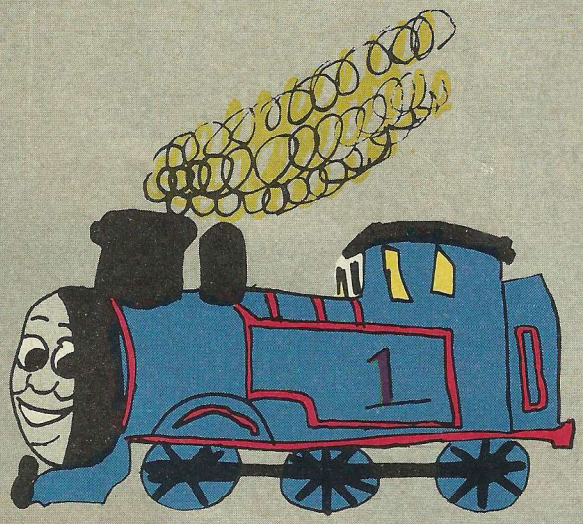
Harold sees shapes high in the sky, Join the dots and find out why!

The Fat Controller's Picture Gallery!

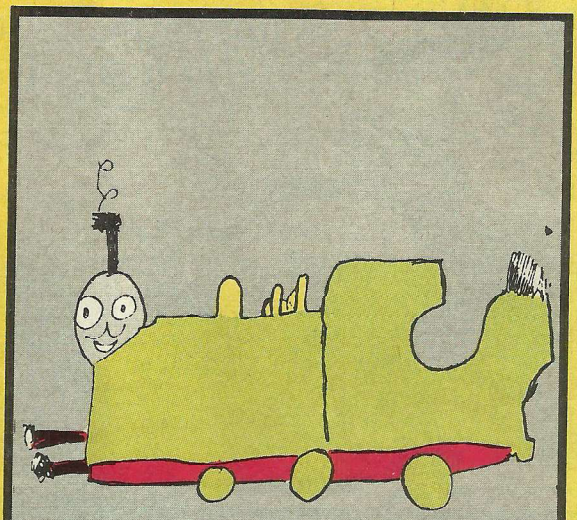
Here are some of the many splendid drawings that you have sent in to us! I have chosen some special individual pictures of three of my engines!



Warmest congratulations go out to **Richard Lowe** from Harley for this super ink sketch of **Donald**, the Scottish twin!



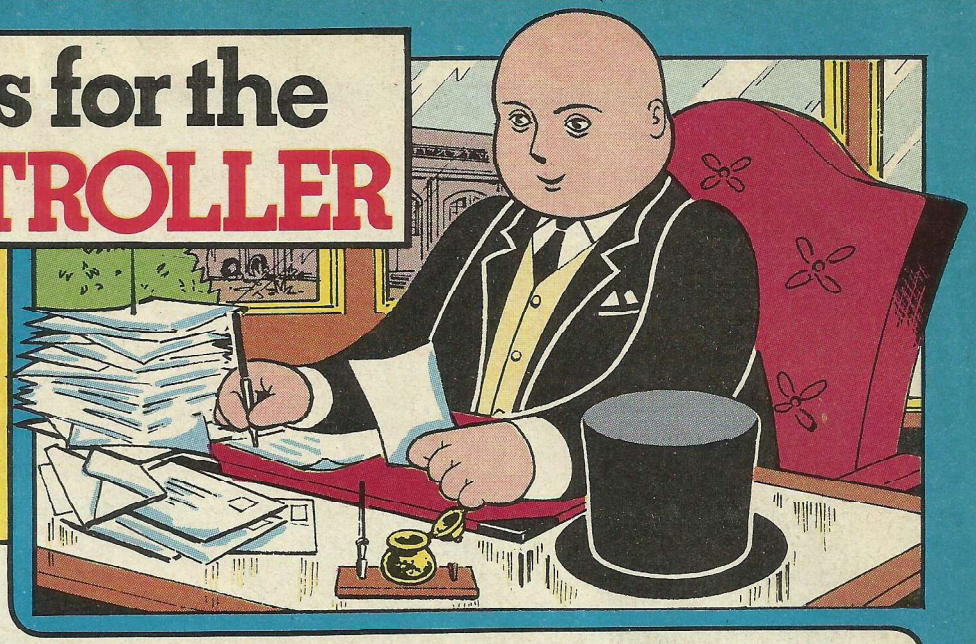
Peep! Peep! It's **Thomas the Tank Engine** puffing along his branch line! This painting was sent in by **Matthew Martin**, aged 6.



Percy the Saddletank Engine was spotted at an air show by **Lee Warren**, aged 6, who has sent us this coloured sketch!

Thank you all for sending in your pictures! We are sorry that we can only print a few. If you would like to draw a picture and have a chance of seeing it printed in a future issue, please send it to: The Fat Controller's Picture Gallery, Marvel Comics, 13-15 Arundel St, London WC2 3DX.

Your letters for the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Bertie is red
Thomas is blue!
The sun is shining
And I love you!
Trevor is green
Percy is too!
When Henry is clean
He looks brand new!
Love from **Rebecca Robinson**, aged, 3

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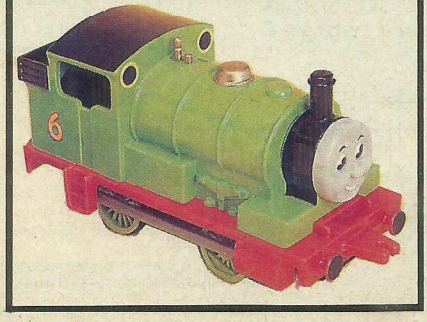

SEASIDE LINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I was on a visit to Grandma's and I went to Bishops Lydeard to see the steam engine which still journeys to Minehead. I enjoyed the trip very much!
Love from **Richard Nicklen**, aged 9.

*Yes! The original **'Minehead steam line'** runs alongside a very beautiful coastline indeed, which is very similar to the seaside line on the Island of Sodor!*

SPLENDID JOURNEYS!

Dear Fat Controller,
My mum and dad take me on lots of steam trains. I had a great journey on the 'poppy line' in Sheringham. My favourite journey is on the Tal-y-lyn Railway in Wales.
Love from **Lee**, aged 3.

My! My! You have travelled on so many splendid railway lines! You must have many special memories and stories to recall!

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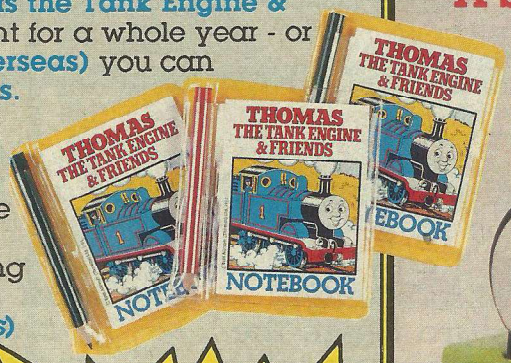

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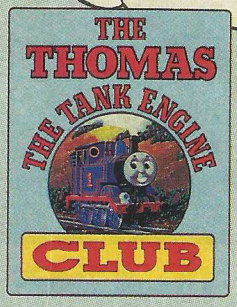

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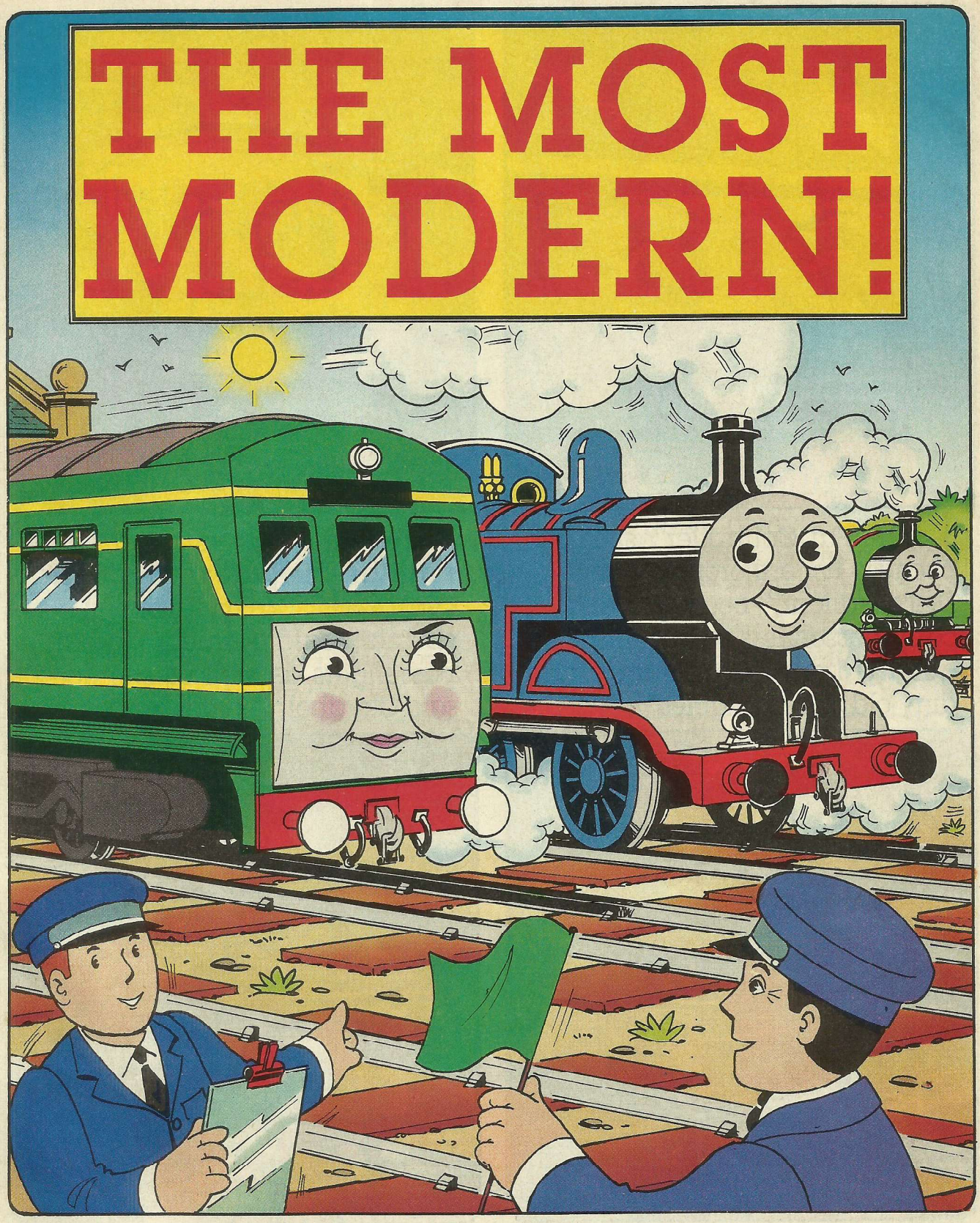
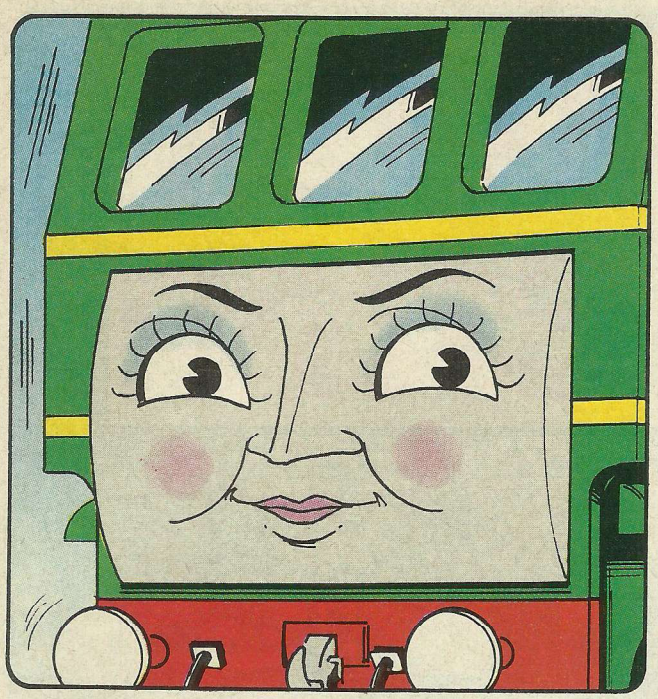
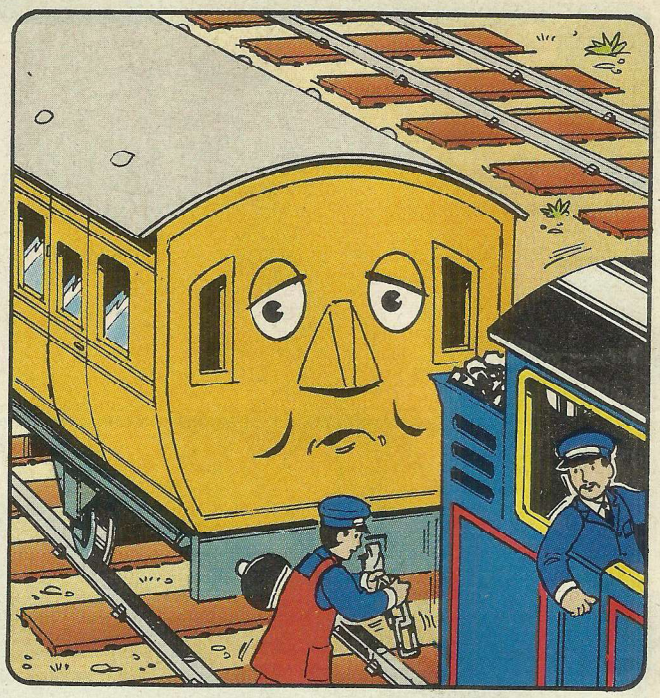


1. One morning, Daisy rolled out of the engine shed. She was feeling very pleased with herself. "I am to carry passengers on your branch line today, Thomas!" she said proudly.

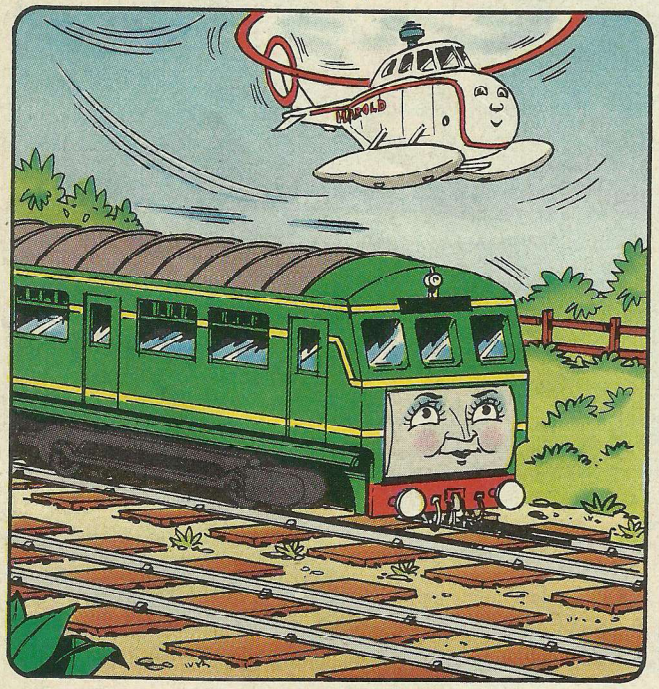
2. "Good! I need some help!" called Thomas, puffing into the yard. "The line is very busy. More passengers need more trains!" he explained. "I am very pleased you are going to help!"



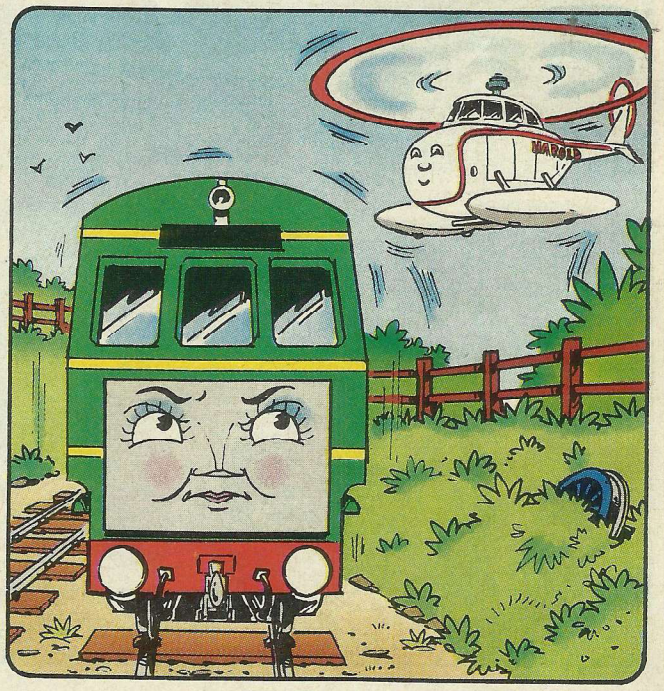
3. "The Fat Controller asked me because I'm a thoroughly modern Diesel railcar," boasted Daisy. "I carry passengers so smoothly and quietly! I'm much cleaner than dirty-old steam engines!"



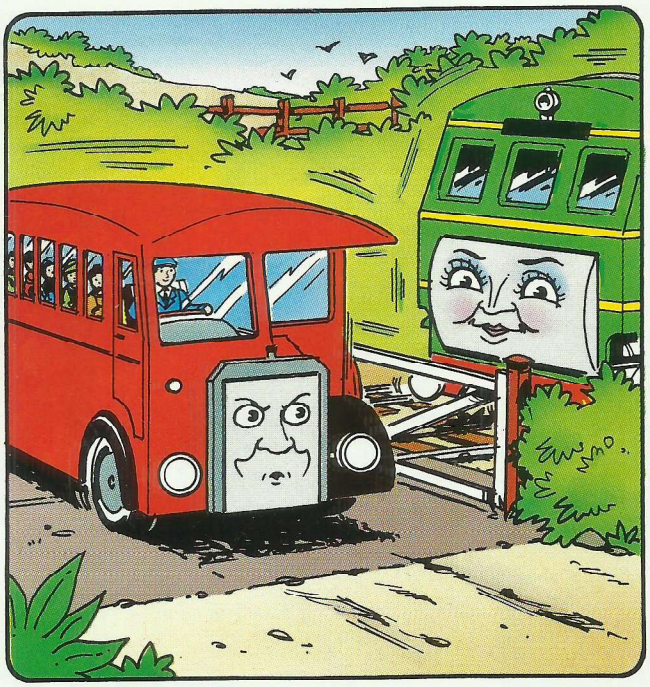
4. Thomas was coupled to his faithful carriages, Annie and Clarabel. "Daisy thinks she is special!" said Annie. "We carry passengers as well as she does!" said Clarabel. Thomas agreed.



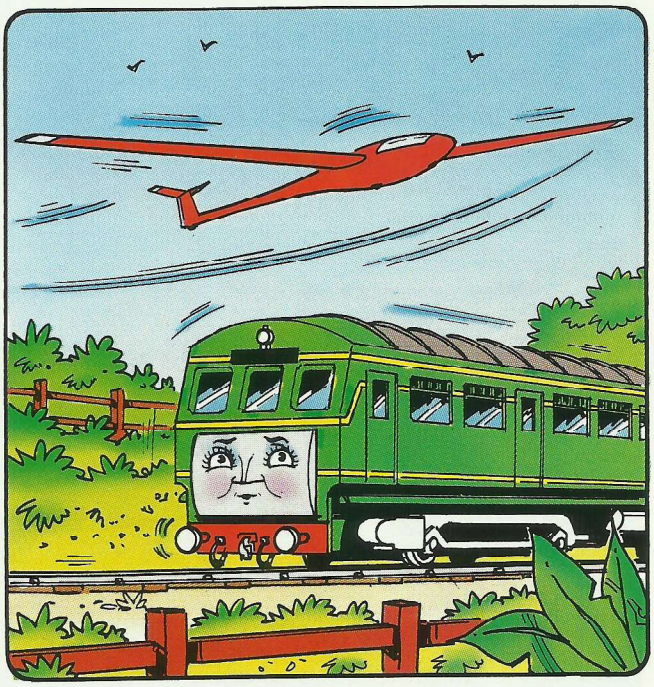
5. Daisy was working on the branch line too. She saw Harold the Helicopter hovering overhead. "I can go faster than you! Wouldn't you like to fly, like me?" he teased.



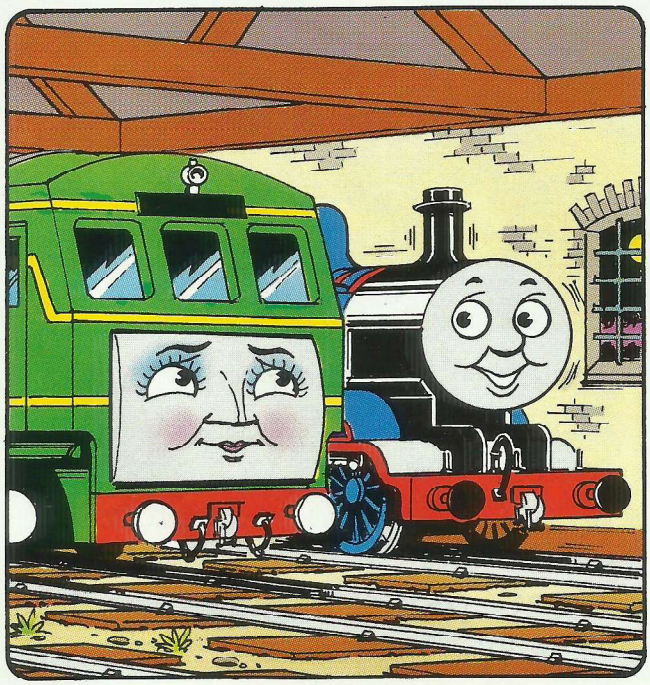
6. "No! I would not," sniffed Daisy, "Your whirly arms are very noisy! I can hardly hear myself speak! My passengers would complain to the Fat Controller if I made as much noise as you!"she added.



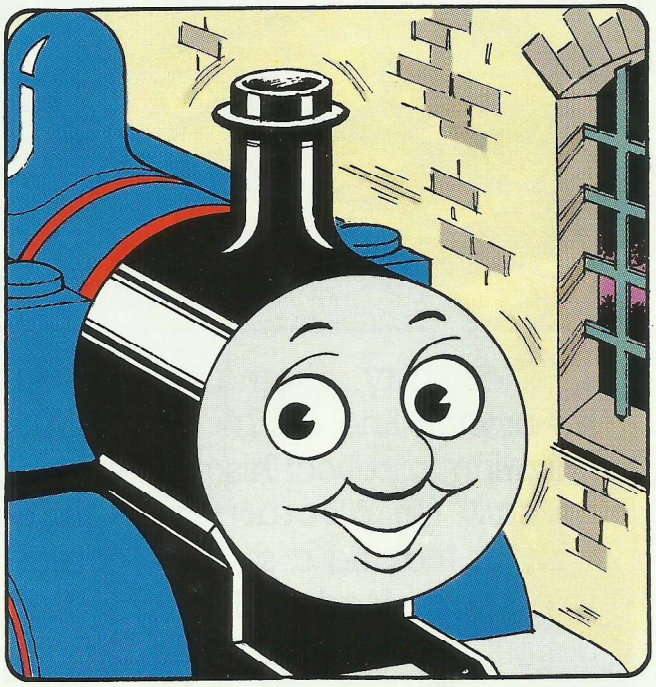
7. After Harold flew off, Daisy arrived at a level-crossing and stopped to let Bertie the Bus go by. "You have a noisy motor, too," she said. "I'm sure no one carries passengers as quietly as I do!"



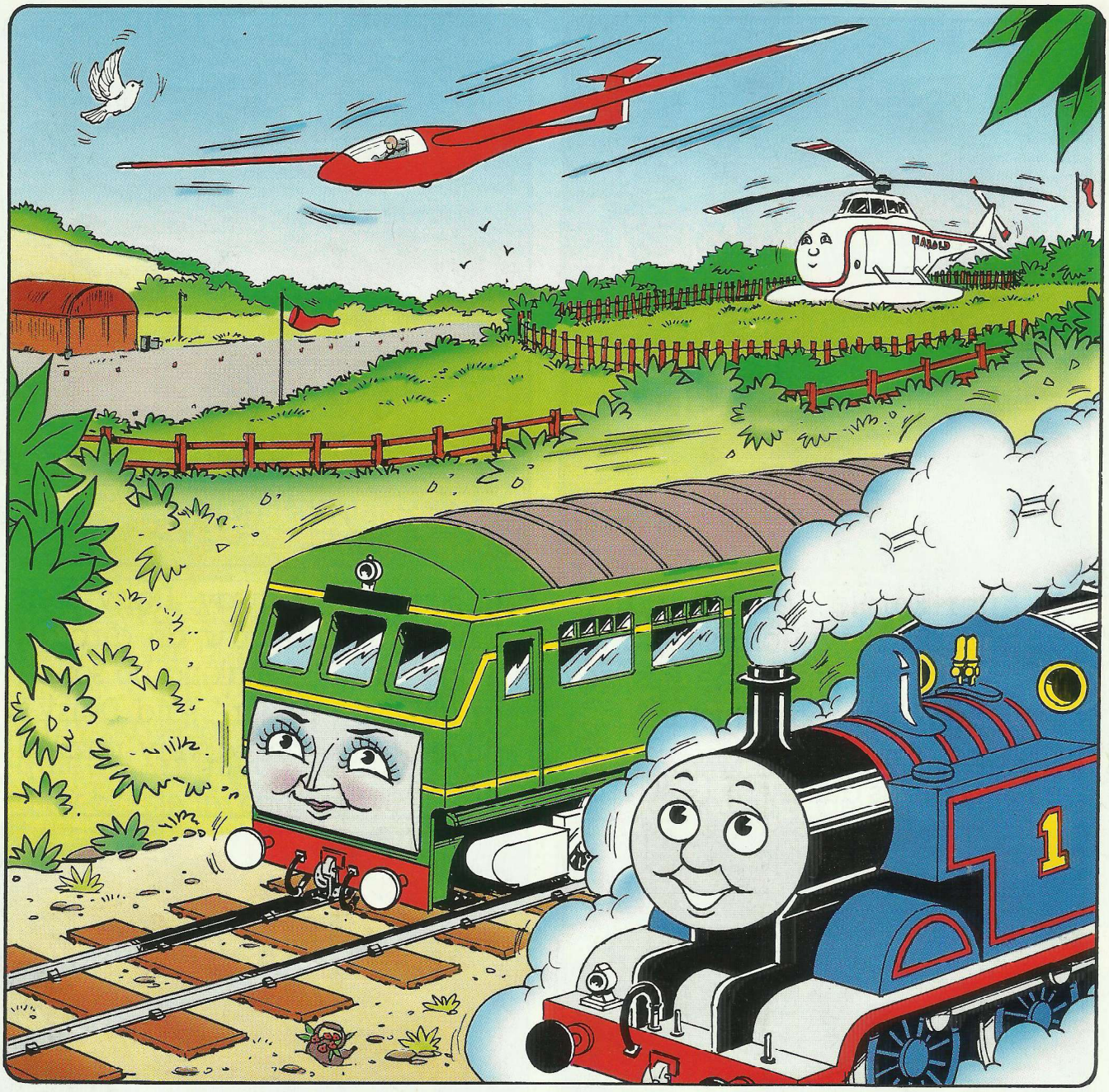
8. Bertie drove away. Daisy then looked up and saw an aircraft flying past. "It's making no sound at all! It's a glider," said Daisy's driver. Daisy looked very puzzled indeed.



9. That night in the engine shed, Daisy was still puzzled. "I don't understand it!" she sulked. "What's the matter?" asked Thomas. "I saw a plane in the sky but I couldn't hear its motor."



10. "Whoever heard of a plane that is quieter than me?" she snorted. "I am bang-up-to date!" "You're just jealous!" said Thomas. "You've seen something more modern than yourself, Daisy."



11. Next day, Thomas set off on his branch line. As he pulled into a station to collect his passengers, he saw an aircraft soar past, without making a sound. Thomas was surprised. "Buffers and boilers!" he gasped. Then Harold arrived. Thomas asked him about the aircraft. Harold laughed. "Anybody knows it's a glider and a glider doesn't need a motor to fly!"

12. Later, Thomas was passing the airfield. He saw Harold sitting nearby. The glider was coming in to land. Then Daisy approached on the other track. "There is that silent plane," she snapped moodily. Thomas and Harold told her all about the glider. "No motor!" laughed Daisy, cheering up. That's cheating! "It must be as quiet as a bird and I can't compete with that," she admitted.

THE END!

In our next issue: Thomas goes camping!